

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A game board includes a square central playing area having a relatively large number of playing positions thereon, with each edge of the central playing area having two matrices of three rows and eight columns of playing positions extending therefrom. These playing position extensions provide for the initial placement of conventional chess or checker playing pieces thereon at the beginning of multiple player games, and permit play by up to eight players. The initial playing position extensions are colored differently from one another over the lighter colored squares of the alternating dark and light colored playing positions, with the playing pieces assigned to each starting position being similarly colored. Rules are for the most part similar to conventional chess and checker rules, but allow chess pawns and checkers to make larger moves than in conventional play in order to compensate for the larger central playing area of the board.